



Budget 2024-25

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Disability Employment Services Reform

The Disability Employment Services (DES) program provides employment services that assist eligible people with disability, injury or health conditions to prepare for finding and keeping a job.

From 1 July 2025 a new specialist disability employment program will replace the DES. The current program will continue until then. The new program will help more people prepare for and find suitable employment.

More people will be eligible, including those:

- with an assessed work capacity less than 8 hours per week
- not on income support.

The current 2 year service limit will also be removed.

The new program will:

- set an expectation of high-quality services that support and recognise individual's unique needs
- build greater trust between participants and providers with more meaningful engagement.

There will be increased flexibility and tailored supports to help people with disability to find and keep a job. Employers will also be supported through a revised wage subsidy program.

Services Australia will get \$86.2 million through to 2027–28 to support the implementation of this measure. This includes updating:

- ICT systems
- management information
- customer correspondence
- training
- operational processes.

This measure is led by the Department of Social Services.

This measure isn't subject to legislation passing.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects people with disability, injury or health conditions who are looking for a job or who need assistance while in employment.

When will this start and finish?

This measure will start on 1 July 2025 and is ongoing.